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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it does not adequately describe the invention (too brief). Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 15, 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Heminger.

Heminger discloses an anchor type fastener with an inner surface and an outer surface and an adhesive on the outer surface. The outer surface includes ridges 32 and the adhesive covers the ridges.

Claims 1-4, 9-11, 15, 20 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Abraham.

Abraham discloses an anchor type fastener 102, 202 with an inner surface and an outer surface and an adhesive on the outer surface. The inner surface is in the form of a bore that extends entirely through the anchor.

Claims 1, 3, 6-8, 15-17 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Witten.

Whitten also discloses an anchor with an inner surface and an outer surface and an adhesive on the outer surface. The anchor includes a flange 12 and ridges 58 on its outer surface. The adhesive extends to the flange and covers the ridges.

Claims 1, 2, 12-14, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Castor et al.

Castor et al also disclose an anchor type fastener that includes an inner surface, an outer surface and slots 7' that allow the anchor to expand combined with an adhesive 8 provided on the outer surface of the anchor. The specification states that the adhesive used may be a micro capsule type adhesive (which is a thread locking type of adhesive).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 18 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The references to Gauron, Hofmeister, Fischer, Giannuzzi et al and the European patent disclose related anchor devices and are cited to further show the state of the art.

The prior art references cited by applicant have not been considered (copies were not provided and the content of the references was not disclosed or discussed).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Swann can be reached on 703-306-4115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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